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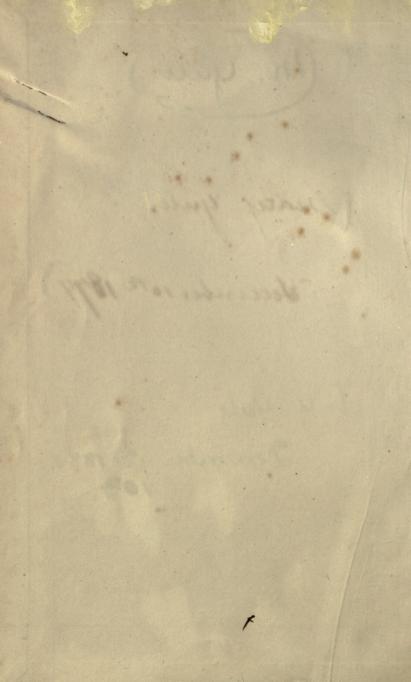
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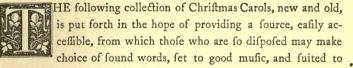
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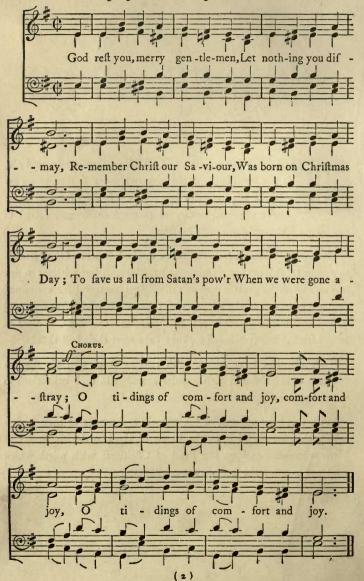
the facred feafon of our Lord's Nativity.

Confiderable pains have been taken by the Editors and their friends to obtain traditional Carols hitherto unpublished, but without much success. For the greater part of the original matter here contained they are indebted to the kindness of those Composers, Authors, and Translators whose names appear in the Index: to whom, as well as to the friends before alluded to, they here offer their best thanks.

To these they have added, with two or three of their own, a selection of the best and most popular melodies in such collections as were at their disposal.

With this brief account of the purpose and nature of their undertaking they commend it to the hands of those orthodox lovers of music who desire to keep the Feast of Christmas with mirth which shall not overstep the bounds of reverence.

#### "God rest you, merry Gentlemen."



- 2. In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
  This bleffed Babe was born,
  And laid within a manger,
  Upon this bleffed Morn;
  The which His Mother Mary,
  Did nothing take in fcorn.
  O tidings, &c.
- 3. From God our Heavenly Father,
  A bleffed Angel came;
  And unto certain Shepherds
  Brought tidings of the fame;
  How that in Bethlehem was born
  The Son of God by Name.
  O tidings, &c.
- 4. Fear not then faid the Angel,
  Let nothing you affright,
  This day is born a Saviour
  Of a pure Virgin bright,
  To free all those who trust in Him
  From Satan's power and might.
  O tidings, &c.
- 5. The Shepherds at those tidings,
  Rejoicéd much in mind,
  And lest their flocks a-feeding,
  In tempest, storm, and wind:
  And went to Bethlehem straightway,
  The Son of God to find.
  O tidings, &c.
- 6 And when they came to Bethlehem
  Where our dear Saviour lay,
  They found Him in a manger,
  Where oxen feed on hay;
  His Mother Mary kneeling down,
  Unto the Lord did pray.
  O tidings, &c.
- 7. Now to the Lord fing praifes,
  All you within this place,
  And with true love and brotherhood
  Each other now embrace;
  This holy tide of Christmas
  All other doth deface.
  O tidings, &c

#### The Manger Throne.



- 4. The stars of heaven still shine as at first
  They gleamed on this wonderful night;
  The bells of the city of God peal out,
  And the Angels' song still rings in the height;
  And love still turns where the Godhead burns,
  Hid in Flesh from sleshly sight.
- 5. Faith sees no longer the stable stoor,

  The pavement of sapphire is there;

  The clear light of Heaven streams out to the world,

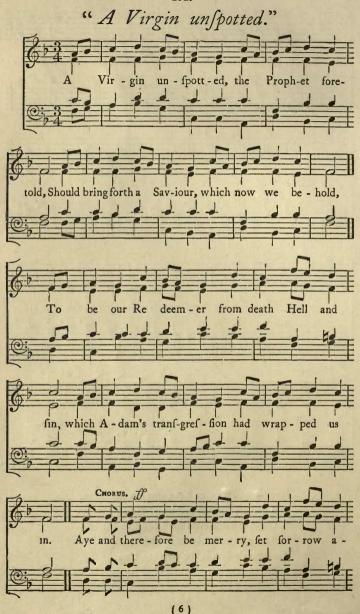
  And Angels of God are crowding the air;

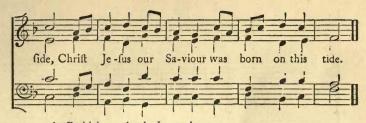
  And Heaven and earth, through the spotless Birth,

  Are at peace on this night so fair.



3. Now a new Power has come on the earth, A match for the armies of Hell: A Child is born who shall conquer the foe, And all the spirits of wickedness quell: For Mary's Son is the Mighty One Whom the prophets of God foretell.

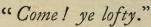


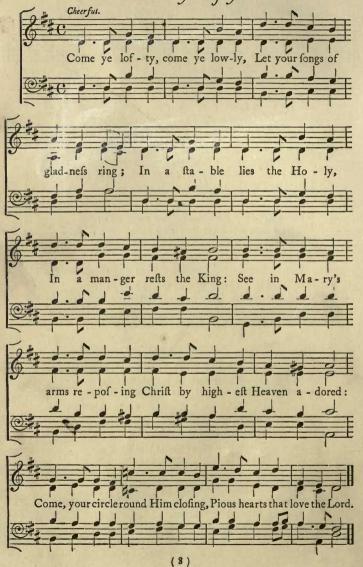


- 2. At Bethlehem city in Jewry it was
  That Joseph and Mary together did pass,
  All for to be taxed with many one moe,
  Great Cesar commanded the same should be so.
  Aye and therefore. &c.
- 3. But when they had entered the city so fair,
  A number of people so mighty was there,
  That Joseph and Mary, whose substance was small,
  Could find in the inn there no lodging at all.
  Aye and therefore. &c.
- 4. Then were they constrained in a stable to lie,
  Where horses and asses they used for to tie:
  Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,
  But against the next morning our Saviour was born.
  Aye and therefore. &c.
- 5. The King of all kings to this world being brought,
  Small store of fine linen to wrap Him was fought,
  But when she had swaddled her young Son so sweet,
  Within an ox manger she laid Him to sleep.

  Aye and therefore. &c.
- 6. Then God sent an angel from Heaven so high,
  To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie,
  And bade them no longer in forrow to stay,
  Because that our Saviour was born on this day.
  Aye and therefore. &c.
- 7. Then presently after the Shepherds did spy Vast numbers of Angels to stand in the sky;
  They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing,
  To God be all glory, our heavenly King.

  Aye and therefore. &c.
- 8. To teach us humility all this was done,
  And learn we from thence haughty pride for to shun:
  A manger His cradle who came from above,
  The great God of mercy of peace and of love.
  Aye and therefore. &c





Come ye poor, no pomp of station
Robes the Child your hearts adore:
He, the Lord of all salvation,
Shares your want, is weak and poor:
Oxen, round about behold them;
Rafters naked, cold, and bare,
See the Shepherds, God has told them
That the Prince of Life lies there.

3.

Come ye children blithe and merry,
This one Child your model make;
Christmas holly, leaf, and berry,
All be prized for His dear sake:
Come ye gentle hearts and tender,
Come ye spirits keen and bold;
All in all your homage render,
Weak and mighty, young and old

4.

High above a star is shining,
And the Wisemen haste from far:
Come glad hearts, and spirits pining:
For you all has risen the star.
Let us bring our poor oblations,
Thanks and love and faith and praise
Come ye people, come ye nations,
All in all draw nigh to gaze.

5.

Hark the Heaven of heavens is ringing:
Christ the Lord to man is born!
Are not all our hearts too singing,
Welcome, welcome, Christmas morn
Still the Child, all power possessing,
Smiles as through the ages past;
And the song of Christmas blessing
Sweetly sinks to rest at last.

# "Come! tune your heart."



Exalt His name; With joy proclaim,

God loved the world, and through His Son forgave us; Oh! what are we,

That, Lord, we see

Thy wondrous love, in Christ who died to save us!

3.

Your refuge place In His free grace,

Trust in His Name, and day by day repent you;

Ye mock God's word,

Who call Him Lord.

And follow not the pattern He hath lent you.

4.

O Christ, to prove For Thee my love,

In brethren Thee my hands shall clothe and cherish;

To each sad heart

Sweet Hope impart,

When worn with care, with forrow nigh to perith.

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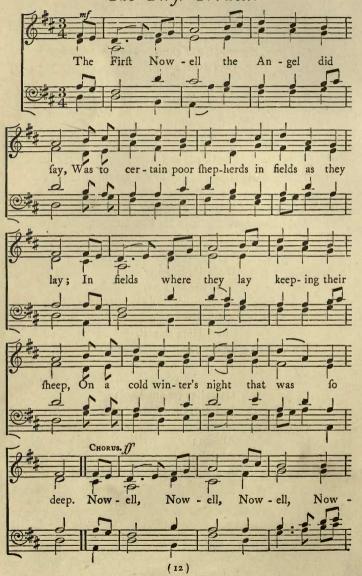
Come! praise the Lord;
In Heaven are stored

Rich gifts for those who here His Name esteemed Alleluia;

Alleluia;

Rejoice in Christ, and praise Him ye redeemed.

#### " The First Nowell."





2.

They looked up and faw a Star,
Shining in the East, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, &c.

3.

And by the light of that same Star,
Three Wisemen came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the Star wherever it went.
Nowell, &c.

4.

This Star drew nigh to the North-West,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay
Nowell, &c.

5.

Then entered in those Wisemen three, Full reverently upon their knee, And offered there, in His Presence, Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Nowell, &c.

6.

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord,
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought,
And with His Blood mankind hath bought,
Nowell, &c.

### "Jesu hail! O God most holy."





To enrich my defolation, To redeem me from damnation, Wrapt in swathing-bands Thou lieft, Thou in want and weakness sighest: Might transcending, &c.

3.

Low abased, where brutes are sleeping, God's beloved Son is weeping; Judge supreme, true Godhead sharing, Sinner's likeness for us wearing! Might transcending, &c.

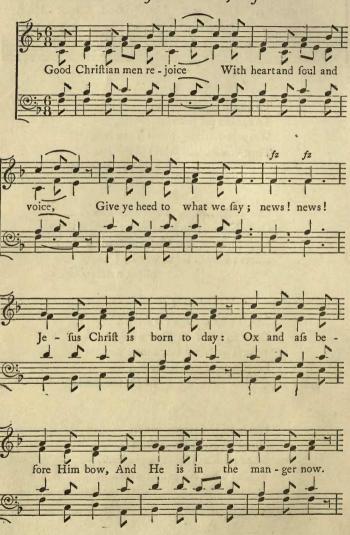
Jefu, Thine my heart is folely, Draw it, take it to Thee wholly: With Thy facred Fire illume me, Let it inwardly confume me,

Might transcending, &c.

5.

Hence let idle fancies vanish, Hence all evil passions banish; Make me like Thyfelf in meekness, Bind to Thee my human weakness, Might transcending, &c.

# "Good Christian men, rejoice."





2

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
 Joy! Joy!

Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath oped the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!

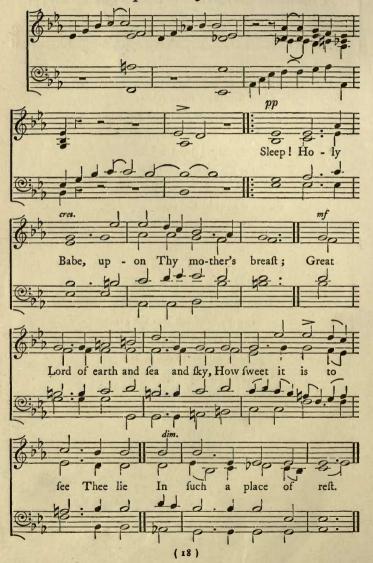
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Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!

Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save.

IX.
" Sleep! Holy Babe!"





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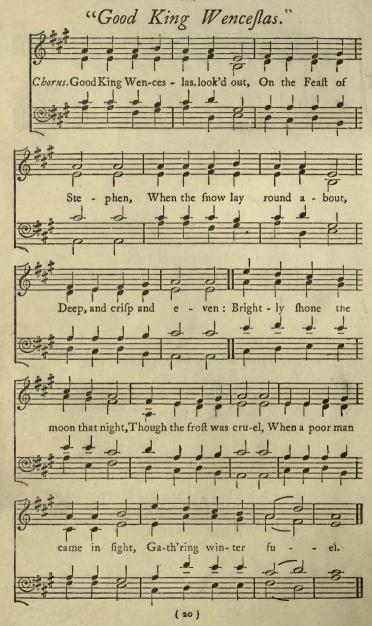
Sleep, holy Babe; Thine Angels watch around, All bending low with folded wings, Before the Incarnate King of kings, In reverent awe profound.

3-

Sleep, Holy Babe; while I with Mary gaze In joy upon that Face awhile, Upon the loving infant smile Which there Divinely plays.

4

Sleep, holy Babe; ah! take Thy brief repose: Too quickly will Thy slumbers break, And Thou to lengthened pains awake That Death alone shall close.



Tenor Solo. "Hither, page, and stand by me,

If thou know'st it, telling,

Yonder peasant, who is he?

Where and what his dwelling?"

Treble Solo. "Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence.
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

3.

RIL

Tenor Soio. "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."

Chorus. Page and monarch forth they went,

Forth they went together;

Through the rude wind's wild lamens

And the bitter weather.

4.

Treble Solo. "Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."

Tenor Solo. "Mark my footsteps, my good pages

Tread thou in them boldly:

Thou shalt find the winter's rage

Freeze thy blood less coldly."

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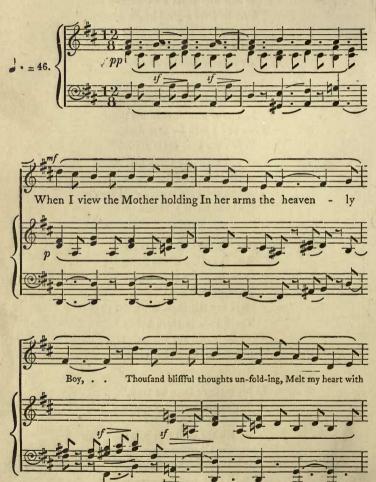
Chorus. In his master's steps he trod,

Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod

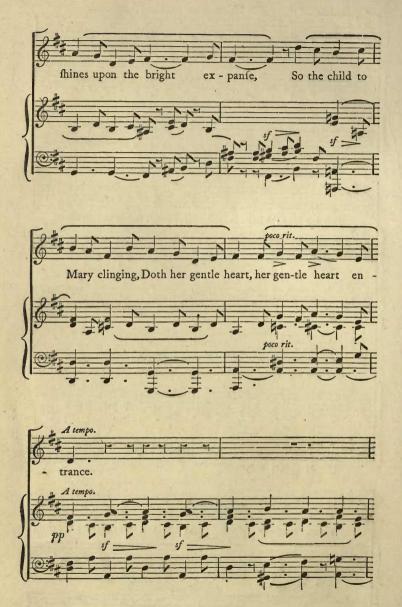
Which the saint had printed.

Therefore Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

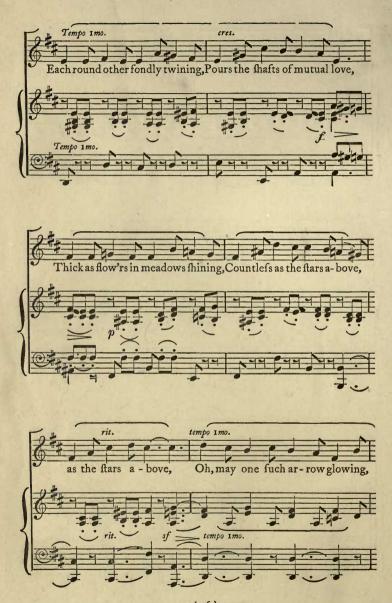
## "When I view the Mother holding."













XII.

#### The Seven joys of Mary.



The next good joy that Mary had;
It was the joy of two;
To fee her own Son Jefus Christ
Making the lame to go.
Making the lame to go, Good Lord;
And happy &c.

3.

The next good joy that Mary had;
It was the joy of three;
To fee her own Son Jesus Christ
Making the blind to fee.
Making the blind to fee, Good Lord;
And happy &c.

4.

The next good joy that Mary had;
It was the joy of four:
To fee her own Son Jefus Christ
Reading the Bible o'er.
Reading the Bible o'er, Good Lord;
And happy &c.

5

The next good joy that Mary had;
It was the joy of five;
To fee her own Son Jefus Christ
Raising the dead to life.
Raising the dead to life, Good Lord;
And happy &c.

6.

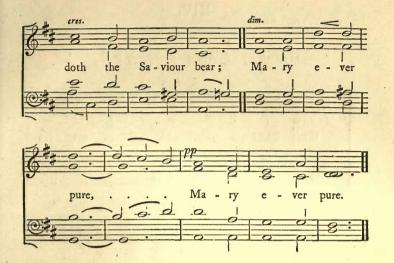
The next good joy that Mary had;
It was the joy of fix;
To fee her own Son Jesus Christ
Upon the Crucifix.
Upon the Crucifix, Good Lord;
And happy &c.

7.

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of feven;
To fee her own Son Jesus Christ
Ascending into Heaven.
Ascending into Heaven, Good Lord;
And happy &c.

"On the Birthday of the Lord."





These good news an Angel told
To the shepherds by their fold,
Told them of the Saviour's Birth,
Told them of the joy for earth.
God is born, &c.

3.

Born is now Emmanuel, He, announced by Gabriel, He, Whom Prophets old attest, Cometh from His Father's Breast. God is born, &c.

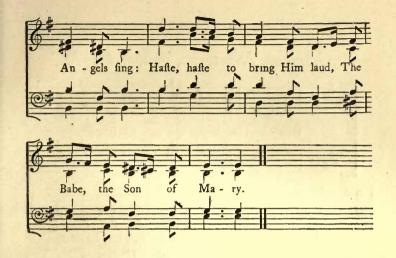
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Born to-day is Christ the Child, Born of Mary undefiled, Born the King and Lord we own; Glory be to God alone.

God is born, &c.

### "What Child is this?"



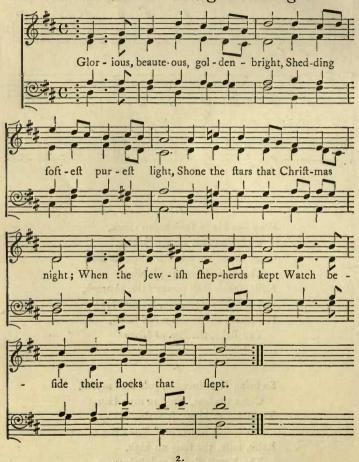


Why lies He in fuch mean estate,
Where ox and as are feeding?
Good Christian, sear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading:
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The Cross be borne, for me, for you:
Hail, hail, the Word made Flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

3.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him:
The King of kings, salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise, the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, Joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

# "Glorious, beauteous, golden-bright."



But the stars' sweet golden gleam Faded quickly as a dream 'Mid the wondrous glory-stream, That illumined all the earth, When Christ's Angels sang His birth.



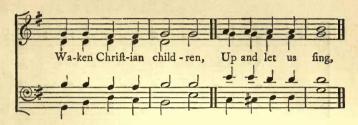
But that light no more availed, All its fplendour straightway paled In His light whom Angels hailed; Even as the stars of old, 'Mid the brightness lost their gold.

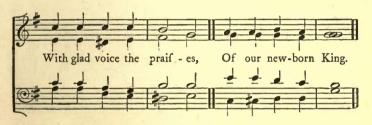
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Now no more on Christmas night, Is the sky with Angels bright, But for ever shines the Light; Even He whose birth they told To the shepherds by the fold.



## "Waken! Christian children."





Up! 'tis meet to welcome With a joyous lay Christ, the King of Glory, Born for us to-day.

Come, nor fear to feek Him, Children though we be; Once He faid of children "Let them come to Me."

In a manger lowly
Sleeps the Heavenly Child;
O'er Him fondly bendeth
Mary, Mother mild.

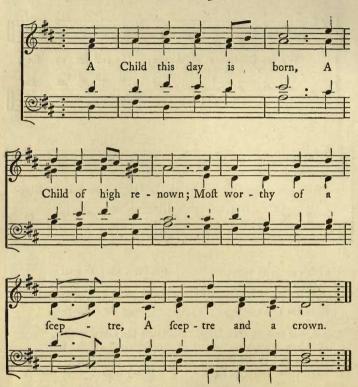
Far above that stable, Up in Heaven so high, One bright star out-shineth, Watching silently. Fear not then to enter, Though we cannot bring Gold, or myrrh, or incense Fitting for a King.

Gifts He asketh richer, Offerings costlier still, Yet may Christian children Bring them if they will.

Brighter than all jewels
Shines the modest eye;
Best of gifts He loveth
Infant purity.

Haste we then to welcome With a joyous lay Christ, the King of Glory, Born for us to-day.

# "A Child this day is born."



Chorus. Glad tidings to all men,
Glad tidings fing we may,
Because the King of kings
Was born on Christmas-Day.

These tidings shepherds heard
Whilst watching o'er their fold
'Twas by an Angel unto them
That night revealed and told.
Glad tidings, &c.

3

Then was there with the Angel
An host incontinent \*
Of heavenly bright soldiers,
All from the highest sent.
Glad tidings, &c.

4.

They praifed the Lord our God And our celeftial King: All glory be in Paradife, This heavenly hoft do fing. Glad tidings, &c.

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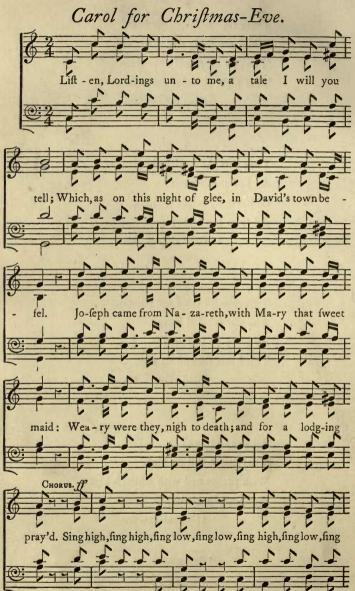
All glory be to God,
That fitteth ftill on high,
With praises and with triumph great,
And joyful melody.

Glad tidings, &c.

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#### XVIII.



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In the Inn they found no room; a fcanty bed they made:
Soon a Babe from Mary's womb was in the manger laid.
Forth He came as light through glass: He came to save us all.
In the stable ox and as before their Maker fall.
Sing high, sing low, &c.

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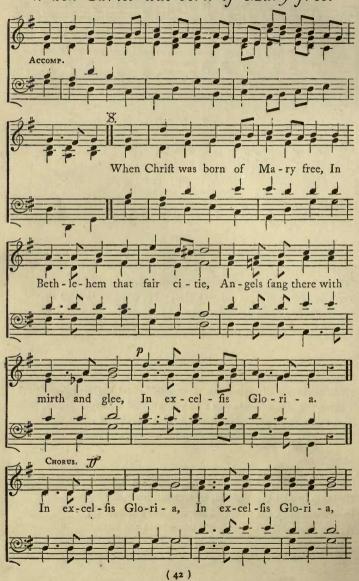
Shepherds lay afield that night, to keep the filly sheep,
Hosts of Angels in their fight, came down from heaven's high steep.
Tidings! Tidings! unto you: to you a Child is born,
Purer than the drops of dew, and brighter than the morn.
Sing high, sing low, &c.

4.

Onward then the Angels fped, the shepherds onward went, God was in His manger bed, in worship low they bent. In the morning, see ye mind, my masters one and all, At the Altar Him to find, who lay within the stall.

Sing high, sing low, &c.

"When Christ was born of Mary free."







Herdsmen beheld these Angels bright, To them appearing with great light, Who said God's Son is born to-night, "In excelsis Gloria."

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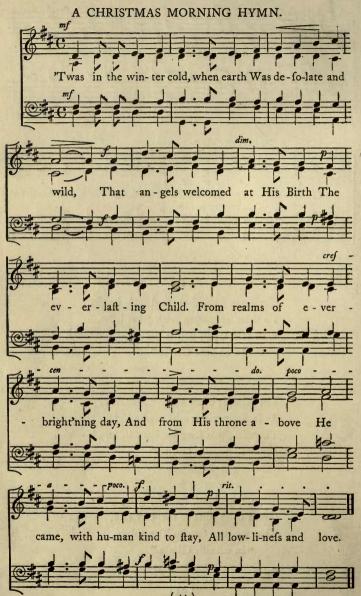
The King is come to fave mankind, As in Scripture truths we find, Therefore this fong we have in mind, "In excelsis Gloria."

4

Then, dear Lord, for Thy great grace, Grant us in blifs to fee Thy face, That we may fing to Thy folace, "In excelfis Gloria."

#### XX.

"Twas in the winter cold,"



Then in the manger the poor beaft

Was present with his Lord;
Then swains and pilgrims from the East
Saw, wondered and adored.
And I this morn would come with them,
This blessed fight to see,
And to the Babe of Bethlehem
Bend low the reverent knee.

3.
But I have not, it makes me figh,
One offering in my power;
'Tis winter all with me, and I
Have neither fruit nor flower.
O God, O Brother, let me give
My worthless self to Thee;
And that the years which I may live
May pure and spotless be:

Grant me Thyfelf, O Saviour kind,
The Spirit undefiled,
That I may be in heart and mind
As gentle as a child;
That I may tread life's arduous ways
As Thou Thyfelf hast trod,
And in the might of prayer and praise
Keep ever close to God.

Light of the everlasting morn,
Deep through my spirit shine;
There let Thy presence newly born
Make all my being Thine:
There try me as the silver, try
And cleanse my soul with care,
Till Thou art able to descry
Thy saultless image there.



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